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Office Action Summary**Application No.**

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Applicant(s)

MALCOLM ET AL.

Examiner

Yean-Hsi Chang

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 August 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 1 and 3 are objected to because of the following informalities: The “the frame’s rear connector” in claim 1 lacks antecedent basis; and the step of detecting is not clearly stated. Appropriate correction is required.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the “wherein the planar board extending from left to right connects to the rear of the enclosure by means of at least one connector” recited in claim 2; and “a snap latch” recited in claims 6 and 7 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet,

and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1 and 3-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hipp et al. (US 6,411,506 B1).

Hipp teaches a disk drive enclosure (38, fig. 10) having a front (not labeled), a rear (270), a left, a right, a top (portions of 260), and a bottom (36), the enclosure comprising a plurality of frames (32) substantially parallel to each other and extending

from the front of the enclosure toward the rear of the enclosure (shown in fig. 12), each frame having a rear (to the right in fig. 12), each frame comprising a plurality of disk drives (86 and 87, fig. 2), the disk drives substantially coplanar (fig. 2), each frame comprising a printed circuit board (82) extending to the disk drives and extending to the rear of the frame (fig. 2) and having a connector (94), each frame printed circuit board electrically connected with the plurality of disk drives by means of respective drive connectors (95) the enclosure further comprising a planar board (34, fig. 1) extending from left to right (fig. 1), and having a respective connector (276, fig. 8) for each frame connector connected to the each frame connector, each frame printed circuit board comprising data concentrator logic (84) such that the number of pins at the frame's rear connector is less than the sum of the number of pins at the drive connectors of the printed circuit board (comparing with figs. 2 and 8) (claim 1); and a method of using with the enclosure as claimed in claims 3-5 being disclosed in the specification and respective figures (detecting a failure with indicators 104-108, extracting a selected carrier as shown in fig. 10, and removing and inserting a disk drive and returning the carrier as shown in fig. 2) (claims 3-5).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the

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invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hipp et al. in view of Wagner et al. (US 4,002,381).

Hipp discloses the claimed invention except the planar board connecting to the rear of the enclosure by means of at least one connector.

Wagner teaches a planar board (15, fig. 1) extending from left to right, and connecting to the rear of the enclosure (shown in fig. 1) by means of at least one connector (50) for being easily removed from the rear of the enclosure.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Hipp with the planar board taught by Wagner for being easily removed from the rear of the enclosure.

7. Claims 6-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hipp et al. in view of Kato et al. (US 5,943,208).

Hipp discloses the claimed invention except a snap latch for holding the disk drive to the carrier.

Kato teaches a disk drive carrier (20', fig. 19) comprising a snap latch (23) for holding a disk drive in place without a tool.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Hipp with the snap latch taught by Kato for installing and removing a disk drive without a tool.

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Correspondence

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yean-Hsi Chang whose telephone number is (571) 272-2038. The examiner can normally be reached on 07:30 - 16:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Art Unit phone number is (571) 272-2800, ext. 35. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-3431 for regular communications and for After Final communications. There are RightFax numbers and provide the fax sender with an auto-reply fax verifying receipt by the USPTO: Before-Final (703-872-9318) and After-Final (703-872-9319).

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-8558.

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